

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chairman Roy Brown, on April 8, 2009 at 3:00 P.M.,
in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Roy Brown, Chairman (R)
Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)

Members Excused: None

Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joan Linkenbach, Committee Secretary
Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SJ 38, 4/6/2009

Executive Action: SJ 38; HB 662; HB 157

HEARING ON SJR 38

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:06 Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D), SD 21, opened the hearing on SJR 38, Study health care disparities.

00:06:48 Sen. Schmidt present

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:06 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Maternal & Child Health

EXHIBIT (phs77a01)

00:08:31 Jamee Greer, Montana Human Rights Network

00:09:26 Don Judge, Working for Equality and Economic Liberation (WEEL)

00:10:46 Jane Smilie, Administrator, Public Health and Safety Division, Department of Public Health & Human Services

00:11:25 Sen. Schmidt left the room.

00:11:28 Sen. Lewis left the room.

00:12:19 John Flink, Montana Hospital Association

EXHIBIT (phs77a02)

00:13:55 Stacey Anderson, Director of Public Affairs, Planned Parenthood of Montana

00:15:41 Frank Cote, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana

00:16:23 Molly Moody, State Coordinator, Montanans for Health Care (MHC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:43 Sen. Hinkle

00:20:14 Ms. Moody, MHC

00:21:02 Sen. Hinkle

00:21:20 Ms. Moody, MHC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:12 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJR 38

00:24:17 **Motion:** Sen. Juneau moved that **SJR 38 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:24:42 Sen. Hinkle

00:25:01 Chairman Brown

00:25:26 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Sen. Lewis and Sen. Schmidt voted aye by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 662

00:26:35 **Motion:** Sen. Larsen moved that **HB 662 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:26:58 Sen. Juneau

00:27:11 Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Legislative Services Division
(LSD)

00:27:35 **Motion:** Sen. Juneau moved that **HB 622 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT (phs77a03)

00:27:56 Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, LSD

00:33:17 Sen. Larsen

00:33:36 Sen. Murphy

00:34:04 Rep. Arntzen (without objection)

00:34:13 Sen. Murphy

00:34:33 Rep. Arntzen

00:35:35 Chairman Brown

00:35:58 Rep. Arntzen

00:36:26 Chairman Brown

00:36:46 Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, LSD

00:37:14 **Substitute Motion:** Chairman Brown moved to **AMEND HB 662**
to conceptually amend Item 10 of the proposed amendment
Exhibit 3.

00:37:54 **Vote:** Motion carried to amend HB 622, inclusive of the
conceptual amendment, unanimously by voice vote of
those present and voting. Sen. Larsen voted by proxy.

00:38:16 **Motion:** Sen. Larsen moved that **HB 622 BE CONCURRED IN
AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:38:47 Sen. Hinkle

00:39:13 Chairman Brown

00:40:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-2 by voice vote with Sen. Brown and Sen. Hinkle voting no. Sen. Murphy will carry the bill in the Senate. (Sen. Murphy was designated subsequent to the executive action as recorded.)

Further Discussion:

00:40:41 Chairman Brown

00:40:53 Rep. Arntzen

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 157

00:41:00 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **HB 157 BE TABLED.**

00:41:15 Chairman Brown did not recognize the motion at this time; but requested discussion on necessity of the bill in relationship to

Discussion:

00:42:35 Sen. Larsen

00:42:43 Chairman Brown

00:43:21 Sen. Larsen

00:43:27 Chairman Brown

00:43:45 Sen. Juneau

00:43:59 Chairman Brown

00:44:30 Sen. Juneau

00:45:04 Chairman Brown

00:45:07 Sen. Juneau

00:45:17 Chairman Brown

00:45:54 Sen. Juneau

00:46:35 Chairman Brown now recognized the motion to Table HB 157.

00:46:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 4-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Juneau, Sen. Schmidt and Sen. Larsen voting no. Sen. Lewis and Sen. Schmidt voted by proxy.

Discussion:

00:48:01 Sen. Juneau

00:48:53 Chairman Brown

00:50:18 Sen. Larsen

00:51:00 Chairman Brown

00:52:18 Sen. Murphy

00:52:37 Chairman Brown

00:52:49 Sen. Juneau

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:00 P.M.

Joan Linkenbach, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([phs77aad.pdf](#))